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## WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU RELEASES ESTIMATED STATE-BY-STATE HIGH-COST UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT AMOUNTS FOR NON-RURAL CARRIERS FOR 2004

### CC Docket No. 96-45

Today the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) released an order updating line counts and other input data used in the Commission's forward-looking economic cost model for purposes of calculating and targeting non-rural high-cost support beginning January 1, 2004.<sup>1</sup> The spreadsheet attached to this Public Notice shows estimated state-by-state non-rural high-cost support amounts based on the revised cost estimates generated by the model using the input values adopted in the *2004 Line Counts Update Order*. The version of the cost model used to generate these estimates is posted on the Commission's web site at ([www.fcc.gov/ccb/apd/hcpm](http://www.fcc.gov/ccb/apd/hcpm)). The non-rural high-cost support estimates were adjusted to reflect the quarterly line counts filed by non-rural carriers on September 30, 2003. The attached spreadsheet also shows interim hold-harmless support, long term support, and interstate access support amounts for non-rural carriers, as well as high-cost support amounts for rural carriers, based on projections for the first quarter of the year 2004 filed by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) on October 31, 2003.<sup>2</sup> For further information regarding this Public Notice, please contact Katie King or Tom Buckley at (202) 418-7400.

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<sup>1</sup> *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, Order, CC Docket No. 96-45, DA 03-4070 (Wireline Comp. Bur. rel. December 24, 2003) (*2004 Line Counts Update Order*). Support amounts will continue to be adjusted each quarter based on the wire center line count data reported quarterly by non-rural carriers. *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, Order, CC Docket No. 96-45, 16 FCC Rcd 22418, 22421, para. 9 (Com. Car. Bur. 2001); *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Order, 15 FCC Rcd 23960, 23964, para. 11 (Com. Car. Bur. 2000).

<sup>2</sup> USAC files quarterly projections with the Commission for the high-cost and other universal service programs, which the Bureau then makes available on the Commission's Web site at [http://www.fcc.gov/ccb/universal\\_service/quarter.html](http://www.fcc.gov/ccb/universal_service/quarter.html).